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- On 18 June 1954, informant observed eight Soviet naval vessels entering Kola Inlet. Two of the vessels were cruisers [redacted]. Each cruiser had two large guns forward, two large guns and a small gunaft, two towers, and two stacks. The cruisers were followed by six destroyers in line formation. Each destroyer had one tower and two stacks. 25X1
- In Vayenga Bay (N 69-05, E 33-26) informant observed a light cruiser moored to a buoy with a large destroyer. The light cruiser had two turrets or towers and two stacks. 25X1
- All ten vessels informant observed had a common characteristic, a stern which was blunt and vertical. The stern was vertical from the deckline to a point where there was a large projection over the water line. The distance from the deck line to the water line was one-half meter.
- A naval shipyard was located south of Bazisnyy Point (N 69-01, E 33-04). Some destroyers and escort vessels were undergoing repairs at the yard. A floating drydock with a capacity of approximately 1,000 DWT was observed at the yard.
- On the slope east of the shipyard informant observed a number of military barracks. There were also a number of tents in the area. Heavy truck traffic was observed on the road between Murmansk and this military installation.
- [redacted] The quay cranes were used in the loading, and about 3,000 tons of apatite was loaded each day. The former apatite quay in Murmansk, which had been destroyed by fire, was almost completely rebuilt. When it is completed, all shipments of apatite will take place from this quay. 25X1
- A large coal quay equipped with two cranes was located directly south of the apatite quay. There was a high elevator installation for the loading of trucks on the quay. Informant believed that the installation was also used for crushing and sorting. There were also four or six railroad tracks along the quay.

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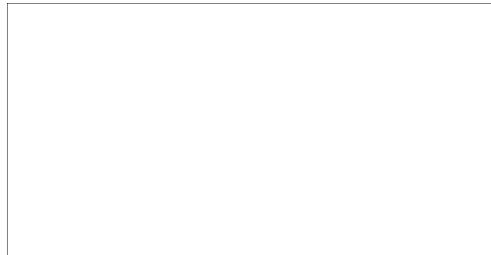


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8. Informant observed two groups of radio masts on the north side of Yekaterininskiy Island (N 69-27, E 33-27). There were six masts in one group and four masts in the other. All radio news  at Vardø was almost completely jammed by a sender transmitting Morse Code.

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